

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6-15, 17-41 and 43-48 are pending. Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating allowable claims and rejoining the previously withdrawn claims.

Amendments

Claim 2 is amended to remove an "about" inadvertently not removed when the other terms "about" were removed in a prior amendment.

The amendments move a structure from claim 14 to claim 15, and rewrite claim 15 in independent form. This was done because the moved structure with its two branched N atoms might not have been considered to be literally within the monomeric units A of base claim 7.

Claim 24 is amended to correct its dependency in response to an objection in the Office action.

Claim 35 is amended to correct a typographical error by correcting the spelling of "agricultural" with crossing off and underlining. An earlier amendment had inadvertently corrected the spelling without crossing off and underlining.

It is submitted no new matter is presented by these amendments.

Claim Objection

As mentioned above, claim 24 is amended to correct its dependency in response to an objection in the Office action.

Information Disclosure Statement

An IDS is concurrently filed herewith. It cites US patent no. 6,864,314 and an Office action from the prosecution of US '314. US '314 matured from US patent application no. 09/698,149 which is already of record. US patent application no. 09/698,149 was submitted in an IDS on July 1, 2003 and considered by the present Examiner.

The IDS also cites US patent no. 7,335,799 and an Office action from the prosecution of US '700. US '700 is a continuation of US patent application no. 09/698,149.

The inventors of the present application and US patent application no. 09/698,149 overlap.

Joint Research

Applicant also takes this opportunity to state the claimed invention was made as a result of activities undertaken within the scope of a joint research agreement that was in effect on or before the date the claimed invention was made. Rhodia Inc. and The Procter & Gamble Co. are the parties to the joint research agreement.

Conclusion

In view of the current amendments to the claims and the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that all objections and rejections have been overcome. Thus, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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